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Letter dated 21 April 1999 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a resolution adopted on 3 April 1999 by the Inter-Parliamentary Assembly of States members of the Commonwealth of Independent States on the Declaration adopted by the Inter-Parliamentary Assembly concerning military operations by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization in the territory of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, as well as the text of the Declaration (see annexes I and II).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annexes circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 64, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) S. LAVROV
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

ANNEX I

Resolution adopted by the Inter-Parliamentary Assembly of States members of the Commonwealth of Independent States on the Declaration adopted by the Inter-Parliamentary Assembly concerning military operations by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization in the territory of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia

The Inter-Parliamentary Assembly resolves:

1. To approve the Declaration adopted by the Inter-Parliamentary Assembly of States Members of the Commonwealth of Independent States concerning military operations by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization in the territory of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (see annex II);

2. To forward the text of this Declaration to the United Nations, the Inter-Parliamentary Union, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) and the North Atlantic Assembly;

3. To take note of the fact that the Declaration was voted on and unanimously supported by parliamentary delegations from the Republic of Armenia, the Republic of Belarus, the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, the Republic of Moldova, the Russian Federation, the Republic of Tajikistan and Ukraine.

(Signed) E. S. STROEV
Chairman of the Council
of the Assembly

Saint Petersburg
3 April 1999

ANNEX II

Declaration adopted by the Inter-Parliamentary Assembly of States members of the Commonwealth of Independent States concerning military operations by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) in the territory of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia

The Inter-Parliamentary Assembly of States Members of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS),

Recognizing its shared responsibility for national security and global peace,

Perceiving military operations by the North Atlantic alliance in the territory of sovereign Yugoslavia, without the authorization of the United Nations Security Council, as a challenge to the current system of international relations, and a real threat to peace and stability in Europe and the world in general,

Expressing its deep concern at the risk of another cold war on the planet and of armed inter-State conflicts,

Calls on the parliaments and Governments of the States members of the North Atlantic Alliance to take immediate action to halt military operations in the territory of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, a Member of the United Nations,

Considers that missiles and bombs cannot be used as arguments in addressing the complex problems of the modern world and that the letter and spirit of the Charter of the United Nations must be observed, and, accordingly, supports the proposal of the Russian Federation to convene an emergency session of the United Nations General Assembly, and to include the item on the agenda of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and the Parliamentary Assembly of OSCE,

Calls on the leadership of Yugoslavia to do its utmost to settle the Kosovo conflict exclusively by peaceful means and on the basis of political dialogue.

The Inter-Parliamentary Assembly of States members of CIS, acting as a consistent proponent of political settlement in situations of crisis, invites parliamentarians throughout the world to take the most resolute action to halt NATO military action and resume the process of negotiations within the framework of the Contact Group, for it is convinced that concerted efforts by the international community to establish peace in Yugoslavia will prevent further tragic developments that could have unpredictable consequences for humanity.

The Inter-Parliamentary Assembly supports the initiative of the Verkhovna Rada (Parliament) of Ukraine and the National Assembly of the Republic of Belarus to propose that parliaments throughout the world designate the year 2000 as the Year of Concord and Consolidation of Good-neighbourliness, with a view to promoting peace, trade, economic, cultural and other international relations.